COMMONWEALTH OF KENTCUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DEREGULATION OF LOCAL EXCHANGE) ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANIES PAYPHONE SERVICE) CASE NO. 361

STAFF NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE AND STAFF DATA REQUEST

On October 14, 2002, the Commission received a letter from the Kentucky Payphone Association (KPA) related to an Order entered February 15, 1999. The KPA letter and relevant Order are attached hereto. In 1999, the Commission declined to require incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) to subtract end-user common line (EUCL) charges or subscriber line charges (SLC) from payphone access rates. However, on January 31, 2002, the Federal Communications Commission issued an order in Wisconsin Public Service Commission Order Directing Filings, FCC 02-25, Bureau/CPD 00-01 (Wisconsin Order), ¶¶ 42, 60, and 61, which altered this decision. Accordingly, Commission Staff requests that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, and Kentucky ALLTEL Inc. file written responses to KPA's letter, explaining their positions in regard to subtracting the EUCL or SLC charges from payphone access rates, by no later than November 12, 2002.

Commission Staff hereby schedules an informal conference regarding this matter to be held on November 21, 2002, beginning at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Amy Dougherty at 502-564-3940, extension 257 or aedougherty@mail.state.ky.us or Jim Stevens at 502-564-3940, extension 238 or wjstevens@mail.state.ky.us.

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cc: All Parties